

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would...Senator Vard Johnson, it's my...I think maybe I need a little further clarification in what I responded to you with when I...I want to make it clearer that we're talking about ethanol products which are co-products and byproducts which would be converted into other nonfood products. Did you hear what I said, Senator Vard Johnson?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Vard, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: They're not...they are not...I don't...I just wanted to tell you that I probably didn't give you all the information that I should have when you asked the question a little bit ago. What this will do, the bill itself will do, is not expand it to the use of any and everything in doing all these things. It's using the co-products and the byproducts from the ethanol when it's been produced and the corn author...or the Ethanol Authority would then allow grants or loans to postsecondary educational institutions, communities, so on and so forth, as they decided that they were appropriate to do kinds of research and production of other products out of those already produced byproducts and co-products. So it is limited in that way. The other thing is that...I am glad Senator Rod Johnson is back because maybe he can help me a little bit now here. On this amendment, I'm not sure, for instance, where it says if a grant or loan is made to the University of Nebraska, then that shall come from a specific appropriation of General Funds, while we're picking out just the University of Nebraska here, but couldn't the University of Nebraska match with a gift rather than just with General Funds, in your understanding? I'm just going to ask since Senator...oh, Senator Schmit is there, okay. Senator Schmit, can you respond to that, please. Would that...wouldn't that be something that you would consider to be allowable?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President...

SENATOR SMITH: You're restricting them by this amendment, is what I am saying.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, and that was really intentional, Senator Smith, because I feel that the State of Nebraska has a really definite interest in this and that they ought to be willing to make a reasonable appropriation of General Fund money. I do not believe that the farmers ought to be compelled to do all of